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April 21, 1965

Dr. Ellsberg:

Miss Dougall, D/State (X-3217 or 3218) phoned in the following:

"Broadcast of March 26, 1965 from Pyongyang, the Government of the Democratic people's Republic of Korea issued a statement today, expressing all-out support to the 22 March statement of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Liberation front."

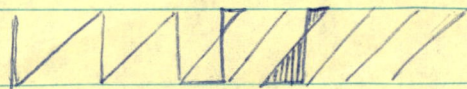
The following is the main part of the long statement:

"Under the condition in which the US imperialists are steadily expanding the war, the DPRK Government declares that it will take measures for sending volunteers to South Vietnam at any time it is requested by the NFLSV."

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Chicom: 25 March Ed. in Peoples' Daily

— We Chinese people pledge ... will send material aid. --

— we are ready to send our men whenever the SVNese people want them, to fight together.

— repeated by Chen X in message DRV Foreign Min

28 March: ~~I~~ will send aid, and stand ready to ~~send~~ dispatch this men to fight shoulder to shoulder with the SVNese people whenever the latter so require.

Hanoi: Has endorsed sending regrouped Southers back to fight.



SU: April 17 communique: with appeal by DRV, will send troops to "Viet-nam."